

Fire Fighter License Plates House File 656

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to fees charged for special fire fighter motor vehicle registration plates.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

HOUSE FILE 656 FIRE FIGHTER LICENSE PLATES

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CODE OF IOWA

FEE REVENUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FISCAL IMPACT

- Creates a Paul Ryan Memorial Fire Fighter Safety Training Fund in the State Treasury under the control of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Fees charged for the issuance of special fire fighter license plates will be transferred from the State Treasurer to the Paul Ryan Memorial Fund. The funds will be used by the Fire Service Training Bureau to offset costs for fire fighter training.
- Specifies that the special plates fees will not revert to the General Fund.
- Specifies that retired fire fighters, as well as current fire fighters, are eligible to receive the special plates.
- Between October 2001 and October 2002, approximately 1,100 fire fighter plates were issued.
- The current fee for fire fighter registration plates is \$25, which is in addition to the regular fee. Under current law, the \$25 fee is collected by the State Treasurer and credited to the Road Use Tax Fund.
- Under the proposed law, the \$25 fee will be transferred from the State Treasurer to the Paul Ryan Memorial Fire Fighter Safety Training Fund.
- Administrative costs to the Department of Public Safety and the State Treasurer are not estimated to be significant.
- The estimated fiscal impact of HF 656 is an increase in revenue of \$28,000 annually to the Paul Ryan Memorial Fire Fighter Safety Training Fund, and a decrease in revenue of \$28,000 annually to the Road Use Tax Fund.

1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 100B.12 PAUL RYAN MEMORIAL FIRE
1 2 FIGHTER SAFETY TRAINING FUND.

1 3 A Paul Ryan memorial fire fighter safety training fund is
1 4 created in the state treasury under the control of the
1 5 department of public safety. The fund shall consist of fees
1 6 transferred by the treasurer of state from the sale of special
1 7 fire fighter license plates pursuant to section 321.34,
1 8 subsection 10. Moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively
1 9 by the fire service training bureau to offset fire fighter
1 10 training costs. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the
1 11 fund shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the
1 12 end of the fiscal year, but shall remain available for
1 13 expenditure by the fire service training bureau for fire
1 14 fighter training in future fiscal years.

1 15 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 10, Code 2003, is
1 16 amended to read as follows:

1 17 10. FIRE FIGHTER PLATES. ~~The owner of a motor vehicle~~
1 18 ~~subject to registration pursuant to section 321.109,~~
1 19 ~~subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck,~~
1 20 ~~pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer,~~
1 21 ~~or travel trailer~~

1 22 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a current
1 23 or ~~former~~ retired member of a paid or volunteer fire
1 24 department, may, upon written application to the department,
1 25 order special registration plates, designed by the department
1 26 in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa
1 27 fire fighters' associations, which ~~plates~~ signify that the
1 28 applicant is a current or ~~former~~ retired member of a paid or
1 29 volunteer fire department.

1 30 b. The application shall be approved by the department, in
1 31 consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire
1 32 fighters' associations, and the special registration plates
1 33 shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the
1 34 registration plates previously issued to the person. The fee
1 35 for the special plates ~~shall be~~ is twenty-five dollars which

2 1 shall be paid in addition to the regular annual registration
2 2 fee. The department shall validate the special plates in the

2 3 same manner as regular registration plates are validated under
2 4 this section at the regular annual registration fee.
2 5 c. The special fees collected by the director under this
2 6 subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
2 7 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section
2 8 423.24, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use
2 9 tax fund under section 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
2 10 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those
2 11 revenues to the Paul Ryan memorial fire fighter safety
2 12 training fund created pursuant to section 100B.12 the amount
2 13 of the special fees collected in the previous month for the
2 14 fire fighter plates.
2 15 d. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered
2 16 to be retired if the person is recognized by the chief of the
2 17 fire department where the individual served, and on record, as
2 18 officially retired from the fire department. Special
2 19 registration plates with a fire fighter emblem shall be
2 20 surrendered, as provided in subsection 12, in exchange for
2 21 regular registration plates upon termination of the motor
2 22 vehicle owner's membership in the paid or volunteer fire
2 23 department, unless the person is a retired member in good
2 24 standing.
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